

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Termination

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4, the Department of Human Services terminates the rule making initiated by the Notice of Intended Action amending Chapter 77, “Conditions of Participation for Providers of Medical and Remedial Care,” Iowa Administrative Code, which was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on March 26, 2008, as **ARC 6669B**.

The proposed amendments affect the provider standards for home- and community-based habilitation services and for the seven home- and community-based services (HCBS) waivers (ill and handicapped, elderly, AIDS/HIV, mental retardation, brain injury, physical disability, and children’s mental health). The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved amendments to Iowa’s waivers to require a process for incident reporting and policies on restraints, restrictions, and behavioral interventions for all HCBS programs.

The Department received several comments on the Notice of Intended Action and needs more time to work out the issues presented and coordinate with other developments around standards for incident reporting and restraints. These amendments will be renoticed at a later date.